

HOUSE RESOLUTION 314

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jo Ann Parton Hancock of Gassaway.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jo Ann Hancock; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hancock was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, as one of those rare individuals completely devoted to helping others, Jo Ann Hancock displayed a genuine appreciation and affection for those in her community and she will be sorely missed by the citizens of Cannon County and of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Mrs. Hancock founded the Woodbury Insurance Agency and, through her unwavering dedication, built it into a strong business which has grown deep roots in the community; and

WHEREAS, as an independent insurance agent, she sold insurance products for large, well-respected companies and proudly held memberships in the Professional Insurance Agents and the Independent Insurors of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an understanding of the importance of civic involvement, Mrs. Hancock dedicated her time and energies to a number of organizations, including the Lion's Club, the American Cancer Society, and the Cannon County Chamber of Commerce, and lent her verve and expertise to the Cannon County School System and the Gassaway Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann Hancock, through the auspices of her Woodbury Insurance Agency, also supported the Career Women's Luncheon, held annually to recognize those women in the community whose works have brought about positive and lasting changes; her impact upon and

support of the luncheon was such that the Cannon County Career Woman of the Year Award has been renamed as the Jo Ann Hancock Memorial Career Woman of the Year, a fitting recognition of this intrepid individual; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hancock was an active and devout member of the Gassaway Church of Christ, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann Hancock enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of fifty-three years, James Hancock, and was the proud mother of Larry Hancock and Gary Hancock; and

WHEREAS, she will also be sorely missed by her brothers, Oscar Parton and J.L. Parton, her sisters, Ellen Blanton and Faye Burger, her four grandchildren, and her three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hancock leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jo Ann Hancock, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Hancock.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we applaud the renaming of the award as the Jo Ann Hancock Memorial Career Woman of the Year award, and hereby encourage all recipients of this award, at present and in the future, to bring to their business practices the same dedication to excellence and community appreciation exhibited by Mrs. Hancock.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.